tion Amendment Bill. We have not yet taken up that. Hence the leave is asked for in time.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.— There is an amendment to that Standing Order.

S. O. 13 (2) clearly says that "the member asking for the leave must, *before the commencement of the sitting at which he intends to move it,* leave with the President a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed." This was not done.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—But the difficulty is to catch hold of the President.

President.—We will go on with the next business.

Cochin Press and Registration of Books Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I move that the Cochin Press and Registration of Books Regulation Amendment Bill, as read a second time by the House, be taken up and passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Penal Code Amendment Bill—(contd)

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I move that the Penal Code Amendment Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill—(contd.)

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I move that the Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill, as read a second time by the House, be taken up and passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill.

Point of order—*re: the right of the House to consider the Bill.*

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President.—With regard to the next Bill in the Agenda a point of order was raised yesterday and this is my ruling on that.

Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill. Point of order raised under Section 11 (a) by the Hon'ble Member for Ezhuvas, South.

Though the Bill purports to be one amending the Municipal Regulation, a careful examination of the Bill will show that it affects the members of the ruling family, solely from one aspect of the Bill. Remembering the spirit underlying clause (a) of section 11, I do not think I would be justified in putting a narrow construction on the words "Royal Family" in clause (a) of section 11. I therefore hold that the Bill cannot be considerd in the Council."

Further considerations—re: the Bill were, therefore dropped.

The Cochin Makkathayam Thiyya Bill—(contd)

President.—The next item on the Agenda is the consideration of the Cochin Makkathayam Thiyya Bill as reported by the Select Committee.

Honourable Members may remember that yesterday we were on section 21. With regard to section 21, the Honourable Member in charge of the Bill has put in an amendment as follows:—Omit the words "for the purpose of succession" from section 21 and number it as section 41 making the necessary alterations in the numbering of the following sections.

The amendment was put and carried.

President.—The question before the House is that section 21 as amended by the Honourable mover, will form part of the Bill.

21. A man is considered to die intestate in respect of all property of which he has not made a testamentary disposition which is capable of taking effect.

As to what property deceased considered to have died intestate.

Illustrations.

(a) A has left no will. He has died intestate in respect of the whole of his property.

(b) A has left a will, whereby he has appointed B his executor, but the will contains no other provisions. A has died intestate in respect of the distribution of his property.

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